

feeding the mixed gas into a reaction tube of a reformer, thereby permitting mainly a steam reforming reaction to take place in the mixed gas,

wherein the molar ratio between methane ( $\text{CH}_4$ ) in the natural gas and carbon dioxide ( $\text{CO}_2$ ) falls within the range of  $\text{CH}_4:\text{CO}_2 = 1 : 1$  to  $1 : 3$  on the occasion of adding steam and carbon dioxide to the natural gas.

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5. (Amended) The method of manufacturing a synthesis gas according to claim 1, wherein the hydrogen sulfide adsorbent is at least one oxide selected from the group consisting of triiron tetraoxide ( $\text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$ ) and zinc oxide ( $\text{ZnO}$ ).

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